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the...what are they planning to do to encourage energy efficiency over the next few years in renewable energy generation? They will be increasing the penalty in our rates for poor power factors, to encourage industry to make their equipment and their operation more energy efficient and so therefore decreasing the demands on that electricity. They're doing energy audits of the largest energy users to suggest ways for them to decrease their energy use and their demand. They also...the city of Fremont has...they are changing their street lights on an ongoing basis to the more energy efficient lamps that they have throughout the city, which I think, you know, they're a lot more attractive lamps, and are...and they use less electricity. And they also participate in the Northeast Nebraska economic development district in housing rehabilitation and weatherization programs for homeowners. They are looking at load management programs where the customers would be paid an incentive payment to allow their air-conditioners and/or their water heaters to be remotely controlled to help reduce the loads on the power. So all in all, Senator Preister, I think they're doing a fine job in the city of Fremont. And they do...and they have paid their bills too, so. They have paid their payment, so. Any other questions you'd like to ask about the Fremont Department of Utilities?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Janssen, I appreciate the work that they're doing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...and the work of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Bromm on the advancement of LB 461.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I wanted to just...I support the advancement of the bill, of course. I wanted to make a couple of comments in response to some of the questions that Senator Beutler had in refreshing my memory and getting some information. The number of states that have gone away from the state assurance arrangement that we have now appears to be no more than six. And one of those, and possibly